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SUBJECT: US INITIATIVE TO CREATE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS
AGENDA ITEM

REF: USUN 2635

1. USUN WISHES TO SECOND THE PROPOSAL BY IO/HA TO PROPOSE A NEW AGENDA ITEM FOR THE 33RD GA, FOR WHICH WE SUGGEST THE TITLE, "COORDINATION AND REVIEW OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UN SYSTEM AND OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS." (REFTEL PARA 4A). WE TAKE THE STATEMENT CONTAINED ON PAGE 30 OF DEPARTMENT "SELECTED DOCUMENTS" (NO. 8), "REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE UN SYSTEM," AS AN EXCELLENT EXPOSITION OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE NEW AGENDA ITEM.

2. AS PER TELCON JULY 3 (HEWITT/TYSON), USUN RECOMMENDS THAT WE SEEK A REGIONALLY-BALANCED LIST
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OF CO-SPONSORS FOR THE NEW AGENDA ITEM IN CAPITALS AND IN NYC DURING JULY, AND SUBMIT THE AGENDA ITEM WITH THE CO-SPONSORS IN TIME TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA, WHICH IS DUE TO COME OUT 60 DAYS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE GA. THEREFORE THE ITEM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH. AS A LIST OF NATIONS THAT COULD BE APPROACHED TO BE CO-SPONSORS,

USUN OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS: FRG, JAMAICA, IRAN, NIGERIA, JAPAN, INDIA, VENEZUELA, NIGER AND SPAIN. THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE LIST IS THE DESIRE TO ESTABLISH STRONGER LINKS WITH THE MEDIATING DELEGATIONS, AND TO ENCOURAGE SOME NATIONS WITH A POTENTIAL TO BE MORE FORTHRIGHT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES TO DO SO.

3. IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES, USUN WILL APPROACH THE AGREED UPON NATIONS ASKING FOR THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE NEW AGENDA ITEM, AND FURNISH THEM THE BRIEF STATEMENT (AS IT MAY BE AMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT), AND A COPY OF THE STATEMENT ON PAGE 30 REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

4. TEXT OF PROPOSED STATEMENT: (BEGIN TEXT)
IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS EXPLAINED UNDER THE ITEM ENTITLED "COORDINATION OF UN ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS" ON PAGE 30 OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT ("REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE UN SYSTEM") THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED TO REQUEST A NEW AGENDA ITEM FOR THE 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

- "IMPROVING THE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION
- AMONG UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL
- AGENCIES IN THE STRUGGLE TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS."

BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS CONVINCED THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS ESSENTIALLY NON-CONTROVERSIAL AND WILL BE ACCEPTABLE BY CONSENSUS, WE ARE SEEKING CO-SPONSORS ON A REGIONALLY DIVERSE BASIS, WITH THE HOPE THAT THE NATIONS WHO JOIN US IN REQUESTING THIS NEW AGENDA ITEM WILL ALSO WORK WITH US IN THE FORMULATION OF A RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED UNDER THIS ITEM, OUTLINING SOME OF THE MEASURES THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN TO PURSUE THE GOAL CONTAINED IN THE TITLE OF THE PROPOSED NEW AGENDA ITEM. END OF PROPOSED TEXT. LEONARD

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